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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 4/4/67 reporting summary of Mr. DeLoach's conversation with Jack Anderson 4/4/67. Anderson informed Mr. DeLoach that he had recently visited New Orleans District Attorney Garrison regarding Garrison's investigation. Anderson stated he was fully prepared to present a hostile viewpoint to Garrison but after listening to Garrison for 90 minutes he now believes there is some authenticity to Garrison's claims and future plans.

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth a brief analysis of certain items which Garrison used to "sell" Anderson on the validity of his investigation:

1. Garrison's claim: That David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw masterminded the assassination and that Clay Shaw was in the beginning subsidized by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Facts: CIA has informed Bureau liaison that CIA's Domestic Contact Service had a relationship with Shaw from December, 1948, through May, 1956. CIA was interested in Shaw's international contacts in connection with CIA responsibility to collect positive foreign intelligence. CIA had not been in contact with Shaw since May, 1956. (U)

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The last record in CIA files concerning Shaw reflects that on May 9, 1961, Deputy Director Cabell of CIA spoke before the Foreign Policy Association in New Orleans. On the occasion of this speech, Cabell was introduced by Clay Shaw who was the Program Director. (U)

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2. Garrison's claim: David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw arranged for Oswald to get an office in New Orleans in connection with his Fair Play for Cuba activities.

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Facts: Lee Harvey Oswald had no office in New Orleans. While engaged in Fair Play for Cuba activities in New Orleans during the Summer of 1963, Oswald resided at 4905 Magazine Street and maintained Post Office Box 30061. The Fair Play for Cuba leaflets distributed by Oswald carried one of these two addresses.

3. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw sent Oswald to Mexico in a fake attempt to obtain permission to reenter the Soviet Union.

Facts: Oswald's trip to Mexico in an effort to return to Russia via Cuba was no fake. Oswald's correspondence with the Soviet Embassy November 9, 1963, and information received by CIA's sensitive coverage of the Soviet Embassy and the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City gave strong corroboration to the fact that Oswald was earnestly attempting to depart the United States via Cuba.

4. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw instructed Oswald to go to Dallas for purpose of assassinating President Kennedy.

Facts: It was pure chance that Oswald was employed in the Texas School Book Depository building on the day of the assassination. He got this job through a lead supplied by a neighbor. It was not decided until November 14, 1963, that President Kennedy's Motorcade would pass directly by this building on November 22, 1963.

5. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw engineered the idea of Oswald buying a gun under the name of A. J. Hidell.

Facts: Oswald had purchased both the assassination rifle and the .38 caliber revolver which he used to kill Officer J. D. Tippit while residing in Dallas prior to moving to New Orleans in late April, 1963. The two weapons were shipped to Oswald by the firms from whom they were purchased in late March, 1963, approximately one month before Oswald moved to New Orleans from Dallas.

6. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie stood by a telephone at an ice skating rink in Houston, Texas, at all times on November 22, 1963, the day of the assassination.

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Facts: Our investigation disclosed David William Ferrie was in New Orleans on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. He did not leave for Houston in the company of two associates until the evening of November 22, 1963, and did not arrive in Houston until the morning of November 23, 1963. This was corroborated through motel registration and individuals who were cognizant of Ferrie's activities during this critical period.

OBSERVATIONS:

Had Jack Anderson taken the time to become even vaguely familiar with the findings of the Warren Commission as set out in its report, he would not have been a "sitting duck" for Garrison's wild accusations.

ACTION:

None. For information.